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Ribbon cutting ceremony formally opens Tupelo Campus Academic and Student Center

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College formally opened its Academic and Student Center at the Tupelo Campus with a ribbon cutting ceremony, Mar. 2.

During the event, which President Dr. Jay Allen called one of the most significant occasions in the 71-year history of Itawamba Community College."

"Today, we express our appreciation to all of those who have played a significant role in translating our vision to bricks and mortar," Allen said in opening remarks.

"The opening of this innovative student- and community-friendly facility will provide a one-stop shop for our students at the Tupelo Campus, today, tomorrow and for years to come. Not only does it provide classroom and lab space, but it also offers all of the services that students need to enter and be successful. They can be advised, register, be admitted, apply for financial aid and buy books and supplies and relax with their friends in the Grounds coffee shop, rain or shine."

The Academic and Student Center has changed the footprint of the Tupelo Campus, which was organized in 1963 and opened at its current location at 2176 South Eason Blvd. in 1966.

"As Mr. (Tommie Lee) Ivy said, this facility is a new front door to the Tupelo Campus, a front door to even more extraordinary things to come for Itawamba Community College at all of our locations," Allen said.

The 50,944-square-foot building incorporates two floors. The 26,841 square-foot first floor houses the bookstore (The Grounds coffee shop); cafeteria, which also serves as a severe weather safe shelter; business office; financial aid; advising center; 48-seat computer lab and a conference room. Located on the 24,103-square-foot second floor are 14 faculty offices and 14 classrooms for social sciences, fine arts and business courses.

ICC transitions to online instruction due to coronavirus pandemic

Staff Reports

When students and faculty left for Spring Break, they didn't know that it could be the last time they were at any Itawamba Community College location for the forseeable future.

A widespread outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) quickly led to self-quarantine and executive orders to shelter-in-place.

What it meant to ICC administrators, faculty and students was a rapid transition to online learning in all classes.

As the situation evolved over the weeks, commencement has been postponed, and summer classes will be converted to an online format.

Offices were allowed to open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as long as social distancing was practiced. The doors to all buildings were locked, and business was transacted by phone and teleconferencing.

Members of the administrative staff, particularly the Cabinet, met regularly as decisions had to be made regarding operation of the College as well as how activities and events would be conducted.

"The decisions that are being made are tough and may not be ideal," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "but we continue to make the safety of our students, employees and our communities a priority.

In an email to employees last Tuesday, Allen announced ICC's Plan to Work which would become effective today.

The plan lists three steps, including all locations still closed to the public with virtual operation to continue.

The first and second steps will include virtual opening Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while step three will include a 32-hour staggered schedule by employees and offices open Monday-Thursday.


Chairs are empty early yesterday afternoon across from the David C. Cole Student Services Building because of closure as a result from COVID-19.

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VIEWPOINT

KATHERINE MORGAN
Editor

Don't let fear hold you back

The past couple of weeks have been gruesome. I've been overloaded with schoolwork.

Midterms loomed on the horizon. I, like all of you, I'm sure, dreaded that week. School can be overwhelming while we try to figure out the next step. The fear of the unknown holds us back.

Recently, I was accepted into a really incredible program that will broaden everything I thought I knew, and it had me doing some soul-searching and self-reflection. We live our lives fearful for what it next, scared to jump and take a risk.



My whole life, I have done what every typical person does. I was afraid to try anything new. And, because of that fear, I didn't.

Most of the time, we reject change in society, but if we think about it, why do we not apply for that program or that school? Why do we not reach higher for a tougher goal? What is stopping us?

Fear of failure will hold back the greatest of surgeons, inventors and influencers. Try something new that you never thought you would do. Explore and take a chance on something that could literally be life-changing. You may think you know exactly what you want to do one day, but because you didn't take the leap, you'll never know for sure.

If you're already an adventurous person, find a safehold in something to keep you grounded. See how different your life can be. Most of us are skittish and unsure to find that adventure.

Don't live with regrets. Find something worth pursuing that excites you. Our lives are constantly in the same cycle. Surprise yourself. Wake up and decide on a new trek or a change in your life.

Dive in the muck. Participate. See a new side of things. Fear does not stop "The Greats," so why should you not have a little adventure, too.

I have a couple of ideas up my sleeve that will change my scenery and give me a sense of adventure. So, whether you like a good Titanic line or a Gilmore Girls reference, take a leap with me. If I jump, will you jump, too?

There's a place for YOU on the Chieftain staff!

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TODAY!

College
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are postponed or cancelled until further notice.

Spring '20 Exam Schedule

TRADITIONAL CLASSES

Class Mtg.	Exam Date/Time
Tuesday and Thursday	
8-9:15 a.m.	4.28, 8-10 a.m.
10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.	4.28, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
12:35-1:50 p.m.	4.28, 1-3 p.m.
Monday and Wednesday	
8-9:15 a.m.	4.29, 8-10 a.m.
10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.	4.29, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
12:35-1:50 p.m.	4.29, 1-3 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday	
9:55-10:40 a.m.	4.30, 8-10 a.m.
2-2:50/2:30-3:15 p.m.	4.30, 10:15 a.m.-12:15
Friday	
8-11:40 a.m.	5.1, 8-10 a.m.
9-11:40 a.m.	5.1,10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Other Friday classes	5.1, 1-3 p.m.
Monday and Wednesday	
9:25-10:40 a.m.	5.4, 8-10 a.m.
2-2:50/2:30-3:15 p.m.	5.4, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

EVENING CLASSES

Tuesday night classes	4.28
Wednesday night classes	4.29
Thursday night classes	4.30
Monday night classes	5.4

In Our Opinion

With a transition to online instruction due to COVID-19, two sophomores reflect on their time at ICC...



"I don't think I'll ever be able to fully express how grateful I am for ICC. I have had the opportunity to meet some of the most genuine people on the planet...How I would give anything to be back on campus in the Natural Science Building learning some organic chemistry, give another campus tour as an Indian Delegate, have another weekly SGA meeting, plan another PTK event with my fellow officer team or spend another night in the dorms with my best buds. My heart hurts knowing that I won't be able to enjoy my last few weeks on campus, but I am so glad to have dedicated administrators, faculty and staff who work tirelessly to make this season of transition as smooth and easy as possible..." **TJ McIntosh**

My Story ...

"With tears in my eyes, I write this post...Itawamba Community College, you have taught me so many lifelong lessons in my short time here. You have given me lifelong friendships and relationships that I will forever cherish. I have had the best experiences and made the best memories that I will carry on with me forever. I am so thankful for the staff at ICC that have treated me like their own child and gone above and beyond for me. I am extremely sad that my time at ICC has come to a close, but I will forever be thankful for my home away from home that will always be home...." **Hannah Scott**



VIEWPOINT

DONNA THOMAS
Adviser

Random thoughts

When I signed on to write this commentary eight weeks ago, I was going to write about some of the things that just scraped my last nerve.

I'm sure that you've experienced something similar to this...the person who is out for a morning drive going 40 in the left lane when I'm trying to get to the office and going way more than 40.

However, since spring break, I've had a lot of time to reflect on the little things that bothered me so much.

I had a different perspective when I saw skyrocketing numbers of those who were critically ill or dying from something over which the experts in medicine had no control.

No vaccine, makeshift facilities to treat the worst patients and morgues set up in gymnasiums because there was not enough room for them in funeral homes.

Now eight weeks later, so what if the person isn't driving the speed limit...Maybe I should slow down and see the beauty that's around me. The golden yellow sunrise and the color palette sunset. The family beside me on its way to a vacation spot...a trip for which they've saved what limited resources they have for months. The beautiful horses galloping through the pasture I pass every day, but I don't really see. The things that I miss every single day because I'm in a hurry.

I will no longer take those things for granted.

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Teacher Spotlight

Jason Campbell
NATURAL SCIENCE

Staff Reports

FAMILY: Married to Beth Campbell for 20 years. Son, Hayden, 17, a junior at IAHS

EDUCATION: B.S., Mississippi State University (College of forest Resources); M.A.T., University of West Alabama (Biology)

COURSES TAUGHT: Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2 labs, General Biology 2 lecture and lab, Principles of Biology 1 and 2 lecture and lab, zoology 1 lab, Zoology 2 lecture and lab



Campbell

EXPERIENCE: "In June I will have 20 years at ICC, four on the grounds department and 16 in the classroom."

POSITIVES OF TEACHING: "I am blessed with the opportunity to share with students the Truth in their study of life. I try to get to know my students and develop a relationship with them. The best way to reach a student or anyone is to build a relationship."

NEGATIVES OF TEACHING: "It is frustrating when students have the opportunity to succeed in life and do not take advantage of it. When life gets hard, they want to quit instead of having the determination to succeed."

ADVICE TO STUDENTS: "Love God, Love People and Serve Others!"



Dr. Jay Allen and Dr. Ken Tucker sign a memorandum of understanding.

ICC, University of West Alabama sign agreement to ease transfer

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College and the University of West Alabama have signed a memorandum of understanding to ease the transition for qualified transfer students.

THE AGREEMENT

The agreement, which was signed Feb. 27 by ICC President Dr. Jay Allen and UWA President Dr. Ken Tucker, guarantees admission to all ICC students based on a 2.0 grade point average and 48 transferable credit hours or completion of their associate's degree program at ICC.

In addition, it offers pre-transfer advising offered either at ICC and/or the UWA campus with an academic adviser as well as dedicates academic scholarships to ICC students with a 3.0 or higher GPA. ICC students who receive academic scholarships will also be eligible to apply for housing scholarships to assist with an encourage on-campus residency.

"This agreement will allow our students new opportunities to complete their degrees at the University of West Alabama in a variety of disciplines, both within the curricula and beyond," Allen said. "This is significant for both our traditional students and adult learners, who now have an option to take advantage of new on-campus learning experiences as well as an extensive flexible online schedule.

NEW OPTION

"We're excited to develop a partnership with the University of West Alabama in a variety of disciplines, both within the curricula and beyond," Allen said. "This is significant for both our traditional students and adult learners, who now have an option to take advantage of new on-campus learning experiences as well as an extensive flexible online schedule.

"We're excited to develop a partnership with the University of Alabama. Our own data from the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning tells us that ICC's students earn more bachelor's degrees than any other community college in the state with a higher GPA than those who start at the universities. We would like our students to seek their degree and college experience at the university that is the best fit. Then, we would like for them to come back to our region to contribute to our economy and our society to help make Mississippi a better place."

ICC'S PART

As part of the agreement, ICC will provide access to students who are interested in transferring to UWA, assist with joint promotion of the programs and events as well as provide space for events and meetings with prospective students.

UWA RESPONSE

"We're very excited about this day and this partnership with Itawamba Community College," Tucker said. "ICC has an outstanding reputation, and we serve a very similar student population and our goals are the same. We want our students to be successful. We want to provide a smooth transition and a clear path for transfer through housing scholarships, academic scholarships and through thresholds and processes that are easier to move from one location to another."

Tucker said that the higher education landscape is more competitive today. "Increased skills and knowledge sets one up to be more successful in life."

Founded in 1835, The University of West Alabama, which is located in Livingston, is one of the oldest and most prestigious colleges in Alabama.

Health deadlines extended to May 1

Staff Reports

With the challenges presented by the coronavirus, ICC has extended the deadline to May 1 for submission of applications for several health-related programs.

In addition, the new deadline to submit all required documentation for admission, including observation hours, transcripts, ACT scores and proof of certification is June 1.

The programs include associate degree nursing, health information technology, practical nursing (August class), occupational therapy assistant technology, physical therapist assistant technology, radiologic technology, respiratory care technology and surgical technology, all at the Tupelo Campus.

Morgan, Pounds selected ICC's first Delta Scholars

Staff Reports

Sophomores Katherine Morgan of Hatley and Anna Pounds of Golden are the first from ICC to be selected for the Delta Scholars Program.

The Delta Scholars Summer Institute is a 10-day immersion program for approximately 12 undergraduates committed to improving the living experience of residents in the Mississippi Delta. Working in conjunction with the Harvard Law School Mississippi Delta Fellow, the Institute will be at the Judy and Bobby Shackouls Honors College on the campus of Mississippi State University. The institute will feature informational meetings with academics, policymakers and non-profit organizations in the Delta. As scholars learn the history of an issue from multidisciplinary perspectives, they will also learn how to advocate local public health officials, non-governmental agencies, business leaders and state representatives in support of an approach that helps remedy the issue. In the fall or spring of their junior year, Delta Scholars will attend a five-day leadership symposium at Harvard University where they will reconnect as a cohort, meet with their mentors and tour Cambridge and Boston. Guided by discussions among scholars and mentors, the participants will reflect on lessons learned from the program and engage in policy-centered dialogue that transcends social, political and demographic boundaries.



Morgan



Pounds

Morgan is a biochemistry/pre-medicine major and Spanish minor at ICC, where she serves as vice president of scholarship for the Upsilon Sigma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, MS/LA PTK Regional Reporter, co-chair for the PTK Honors in Action Project, editor of the *Chieftain* and treasurer of the Science Club. She is a member of Sigma Kappa Delta, Indian Delegation, the Honors College and previously served as the Monroe County representative for the Student Government Association. Morgan serves as a tutor in the Academic Support Center and is a supplemental instruction leader for chemistry, algebra and English. Her honors and awards include President's List, PTK Dowell Leadership Scholar, ACT Scholarship 28+, Valedictorian and Leadership scholarships, Barry Strevel Memorial Scholarship and recipient of the biology and journalism awards at ICC. She is the daughter of Jimmie and Denice Morgan.

Pounds is majoring in economics with a pre-law concentration. She is the vice president of leadership for the Upsilon Sigma chapter of PTK, co-chair of the College Project steering committee for PTK and a supplemental instruction leader for English Composition I and II. Pounds is also a member of the Honors College and Sigma Kappa Delta and has served as secretary for the Political Science Club. Her honors include 2019 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar, President's List and 2019-20 Hall of Fame. She has also received a summer internship with U.S. Senator Roger Wicker She plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to complete work on her bachelor's degree in business administration before pursuing a law degree at Duke University School of Law. She attends Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Red Bay, Ala. Her parents are Andy and Rita Pounds.

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

ICC to celebrate retirements

Although events and activities at ICC have been temporarily put on hold, the retirements of several members of its family will be celebrated at a future date..

They include Renee Aven, Jeff Brownlee, Willadean Fancher, Suzette Potts, Sharon Russell, Kathy Smith, Delores Tull, Richard Watson and Doug Wilson.

Alumni honorees nomination deadline set Aug. 1

Nominations are being accepted for the 2020 Alumnus of the Year and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees at Itawamba Community College through Aug. 1.

Those selected will be honored during homecoming activities this fall at the Fulton Campus.

Criteria for selection or Alumnus of the Year include successful completion of at least one semester as a full-time student at ICC prior to the current year as well as merit and achievement, which have brought fame and honor to either his/her community or ICC.

ICC's Athletic Hall of Fame honors former athletes, coaches or individuals who have excelled or those who have made major contributions to intercollegiate athletics while attending or employed by ICC. Athletic Hall of Fame inductees must have been out of school at least 10 years. Additional criteria to be considered are accomplishments and support of ICC.

Forms are available online at www.iccms.edu/alumni. For more information, email alumni@iccms.edu.



Will Buskirk, incoming freshman, completes an April online orientation session.

Orientation sessions set May, June, July

Online registration is continuing for upcoming freshman orientation sessions at ICC.

The available sessions, which are free and conducted exclusively online, include May 1, June 16 and 18; and July 10, 14 and 16.

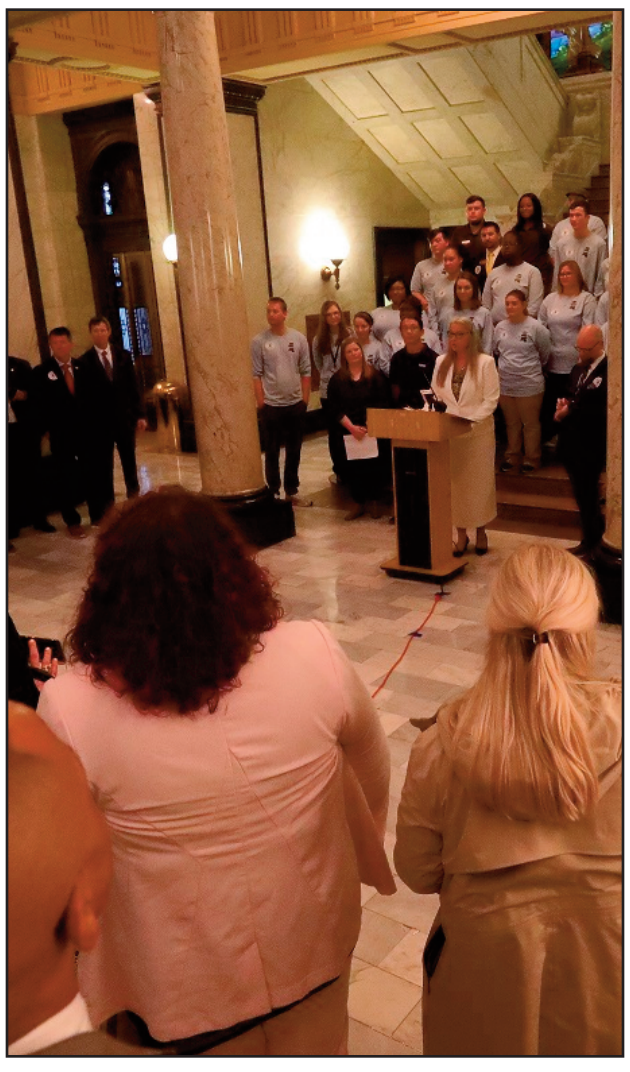
"Students are encouraged to participate in a freshman orientation session as soon as possible to ensure that they can select from a wide variety of options, including days, times and instructors," said Dr. Melissa Haab, dean of enrollment services. they can attend any session regardless of the location where they will be in class - Fulton, Tupelo or Belden.

Haab said that students will complete the session of the date they select, and the following business day, they will be contacted by their adviser for class registration.

ICC orientation is mandatory for all graduating high school seniors. Students must have submitted an application for admission as well as a copy of the ACT score before registering for orientation, and they should sign up as soon as possible since only a limited number can attend each session.

To register, students should access http://www.iccms.edu/Orientation.

For more information, email go2icc@iccms.edu.



ICC group participates in Capitol Day



Johnson is ICC's first Gold Scholar; Ikawa attains Silver status

Staff Reports

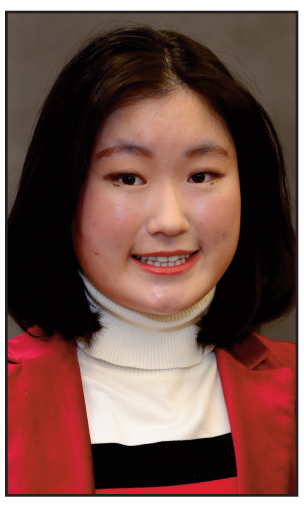
Kalyn Nicole Johnson of Fulton has been selected as Itawamba Community College's first-ever Gold Scholar on Coca-Cola's 2020 Academic Team and will receive a $1,500 scholarship. In addition, sophomore Nami Ikawa of Saltillo is the recipient of Silver Scholar status.

Johnson, who is majoring in biology, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and president of the Upsilon Sigma chapter, co-chair for the PTK Honors in Action Project and Events, member of the Honors College, vice president of the Science Club, member of Sigma Kappa Delta and supplemental instruction leader for college algebra.

Her honors and awards include Hall of Fame, Miss ICC Finalist, HEADWAE student honoree, All-Mississippi Academic Team semifinalist, President's List, English Student of the Week, ACT Scholarship for 28+ score, Valedictorian/Salutatorian Scholarship, Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant for 29+ ACT and 3.5+ GPA and Leadership Scholarship. She is the daughter of Joe and Charolette Johnson.

Ikawa, who is majoring in exercise science, is president of the Tupelo Campus Student Government Association; vice president of scholarship for the Beta Tau Sigma chapter of PTK; supplemental instruction leader for college algebra, English and anatomy and physiology; and student representative for the academic calendar and enrollment, judicial disciplinary hearing and graphic standards committees.

Her honors include ICC Hall of Fame, Miss ICC finalist, president's list, honor student, All-Mississippi Academic Team and Tri-State Educational Foundation Scholarship recipient. She serves as the community representative for the Mississippi Chapter of Alzheimer's Association and community volunteer at HealthWorks! and Armor of God Clothing Ministry. Her activities also include Beta Tau Sigma chapter's College Project and Honors in Action and private tutoring in academics and music for elementary to college students. She plans to transfer to the University of Mississippi to earn the bachelor's degree and ultimately to become a Doctor of Physical Therapy. She is the daughter of Og Youn (Diane) Hwang and Hiroyuki Ikawa.



Nami Ikawa



Kalyn Johnson

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver and 50 Bronze Scholars across the nation with nearly $200,000 in scholarships annually. Each scholar also receives a commemorative medallion.

"The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has a long history of providing financial assistance to outstanding students at community colleges," said Jane Hale Hopkins, president of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. "We are proud to partner with Phi Theta Kappa and make it possible for deserving student to achieve their educational goals."

Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership and engagement in college and community service.

Coca-Cola Academic Team members will be recognized in both local and statewide ceremonies and are also expected to be recognized internationally during PTK's annual convention.

"We thank the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation for recognizing these student leaders and for investing in their futures," said Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner, president and CEO of Phi Theta Kappa. "Scholarships like these are integral to the success of these students in reaching their educational and career goals."

PTK is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is composed of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations, with approximately 240,000 active members in the nation's colleges.

#allinthistogether

Meeting Room

CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

FULTON CAMPUS

Art Club	Shawn Whittington	862.8301
Bass Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Chieftain	Donna Thomas	862.8244
Computer Science	Bradley Howard	620.5329
Educators Rising	Chris Cox	862.8181
	Bobby Jarrell	862.8183
Film Club	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
Forestry Club	Emily Loden Jones	862.8147
Gospel Sounds	Carrie B. Williamson	862.8123
Indian Delegation	Dr. Melissa Haab	862.8051
LIN Report	Maggie Caldwell	862.8241
Mirror	C.J. Adams	862.8074
Modern Language	Anna Begnaud	862.8292
Phi Theta Kappa	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
	Jay Humphries	862.8381
Political Science	Chris Stevenson	862.8169
	Dr. John Arnold	862-8157
Science Club	Dr. Jada Mills	862.8369
	Lindsey Patterson	862.8359
Student Gov. Assn.	Dr. Chad Case	862.8232
	Jake Hartfield	862.8428
Travel Tribe	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
	Dr. Edana Nail	862.8056
	Chris Stevenson	862.8169

TUPELO CAMPUS

Bass Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Comp. Prog./Net.	Tanya Cox	620.5114
Diversity Club	Sheree Lence	620.5036
Future Rad. Tech.	Paul Crum	620.5233
Future Resp. Ther.	Adam Denton	620.5238
Indian Delegation	Michael Holloway	620.5278
Legal Ed. Assn.	Jamie Hall	620.5342
	Bo Rowland	620.5340
MOSA	Robin Sims	620.5222
NCF	Linda Bond	620.5210
OTA	Dee Dee Lomenick	620.5026
Phi Theta Kappa	Jenny Bowers	620.5045
	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Dr. Ira Lindsay Jones	620.5043
	Dr. Bruce Ingram	620.5302
Student Gov. Assn.	Cynthia Adams	620.5305
SHIMA	Donna Vaughn	620.5123
Student PTA Club	Dr. Cheryl Ware	620.5025

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

BSU	Chris Burrows	862.3278
FCA	Scott Nicholson	
Wesley Foundation	Brenton Banko	678.3859

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ICC postpones dinner theatre

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has postponed its production of "Over the River and Through the Woods," which was scheduled Mar. 23-28, as a result of the recommendation by the Center for Disease Control and the Mississippi State Department of Health to delay gatherings of 50 or more individuals.

"This decision was difficult to make because we are aware of the many hours spent in rehearsal and preparation by the cast, crew and director for this very special event," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "It is our hope that the 'show will go on' at a later time!"

Register today for summer classes

Staff Reports

Registration is continuing for intersession and summer terms at Itawamba Community College.

Due to COVID-19, all classes have been transitioned to an online format.

Intersession classes begin May 11 and end with final examinations on May 22.

Additional schedule opportunities with start dates include eLearning full-term and first four-week classes, June 1; and second term classes, June 29.

To register for intersession or summer classes, email eadviser@iccms.edu.

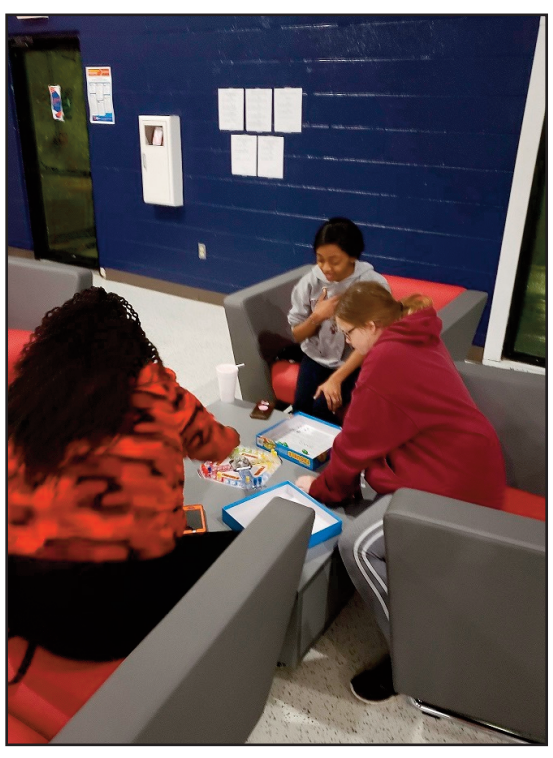
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Student Activities

in the residence hall







ICC chapters win regional, international awards

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapters, Beta Tau Sigma (Tupelo) and Upsilon Sigma (Fulton), were recognized recently at the first-ever, virtual PTK Catalyst event as Top 100 Chapters of the more than 1,250 chapters internationally.

OTHER AWARDS

Other international awards included Distinguished Honors in Action Theme Award and Distinguished Honors in Action Project Award in the Theme 6 - Visions of Justice division for Upsilon Sigma's project, STAND: Transforming the Stigma of Sex Trafficking. In addition, Kalyn Johnson of Fulton, president of Upsilon Sigma, received the Distinguished Chapter Officer award.

REGIONAL AWARDS

Both chapters also received awards during the MS/LA regional conference in early March at the University of Mississippi. There are 48 chapters in the MS/LA region.

Beta Tau Sigma received fourth Most Distinguished Chapter in the region, seventh in Honors in Action for Fighting the Stigma of Mental Illness; first place in Theme 3: Politics of Identity and seventh in College Project for Read, Lead, Succeed: Promoting the QEP. Jillian McCollum of Saltillo received the Order of the Golden Key award, and advisor Jenny Bowers of Tupelo, the Horizon Award.

Awards for the Upsilon Sigma chapter included first in Honors in Action and Theme 6: visions of Justice, both for Transforming the Stigma of Sex Trafficking; ninth Most Distinguished Chapter finalist and runner-up for Regional Project. In addition, Kalyn Johnson placed first in Distinguished Chapter Officer; and katherine Morgan of Amory received the Order of the Golden Key award. Jay Humphries of Vina, Ala., Heather McCormick of Fulton and Robin Lowe of Amory were presented the Horizon Award for Advisors.

Congratulations Class of 2020!!

Want To Know More?

FULTON CAMPUS

Information on	Contact
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Band	Band Director
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Career Planning	Adviser/Advising Center
Car Registration Decals	Campus Police
Change of Adviser/Major	Advising Center
Change in Curriculum	Adviser/Student Affairs
Counseling	Student Affairs
Counseling (Personal)	Dean of Students
Course Placement	V.P. of Instructional Services
Evaluation of Credits	Admissions
Examinations	Instructor
Faculty Office Hours	Instructor
Graduation Req.	Admissions
I.D. Cards	Student Affairs
Intramurals/Activities	Coor. of Student Activities
Library	Director of Learning Resources
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Part-Time Jobs	Student Affairs
Placement Testing	Student Affairs
Publicity/Publications	Community Relations
Registration	Admissions
Schedule Changes	Adviser
Schedule Planning	Adviser
Scholarships	Financial Aid
Student Aid/Work Study	Financial Aid
Student Government	Housing Director
Student Organizations	Sponsors
Summer School	Student Affairs
	V.P. of Instructional Services
Testing (Career)	Career Center
Transcripts	Admissions
Tuition, Fees, Deferrals	Business office
Use of Campus Property	Dean of Students
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid

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Advanced Placement Credit	VP, Instructional Services
Books and Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser/Career Center
Car Registration/Decals	Campus Police
Counseling	Student Affairs
Evaluation of Credits	Admissions
I.D. Cards	Student Affairs
Job Placement	Career Center
Library	Learning Resource Center
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Registration/Early-Reg.	Student Affairs
Schedule Planning	Student Affairs
Scholarships	Financial Aid
Student Activities	Student Affairs
Student Aid	Financial Aid office
Student Government	Housing Director
Transcripts	Student Affairs
Tuition and Fees	Business office
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid office

BELDEN CENTER

Adult Ed./High School Equivalency	Julia Houston
Continuing Education	Debi Martin
WIOA	Brad Gates
Workforce	Dr. Joe Lowder

Adult Education offers new options to comply with social distancing

Staff Reports

Students who want to work on their high school equivalency while practicing social distancing have an online option at ICC.

Options include preparation for both high school equivalency and WorkKeys, the Smart Start credential and basic literacy skills.

For assistance with a personalized plan, contact Amanda Dickinson at asdickinson@iccms.edu or Linzy Patterson at lfpatterson@iccms.edu.

In addition, to stay up-to-date with current class changes or to connect with an instructor in ICC's five county district (Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc), text @beldenabe to 81010.



Award

Jessi Stevenson, Fine Arts instructor, discusses the importance of communication during her Humanities award presentation, Feb. 25, at the Fulton Campus.

Order transcript online...

Transferring at end of spring semester?

JOSH VAUGHN
Staff Writer

Students who are transferring at the end of the spring semester can obtain a transcript online by accessing ICC's website, www.iccms.edu (under the Admissions link).

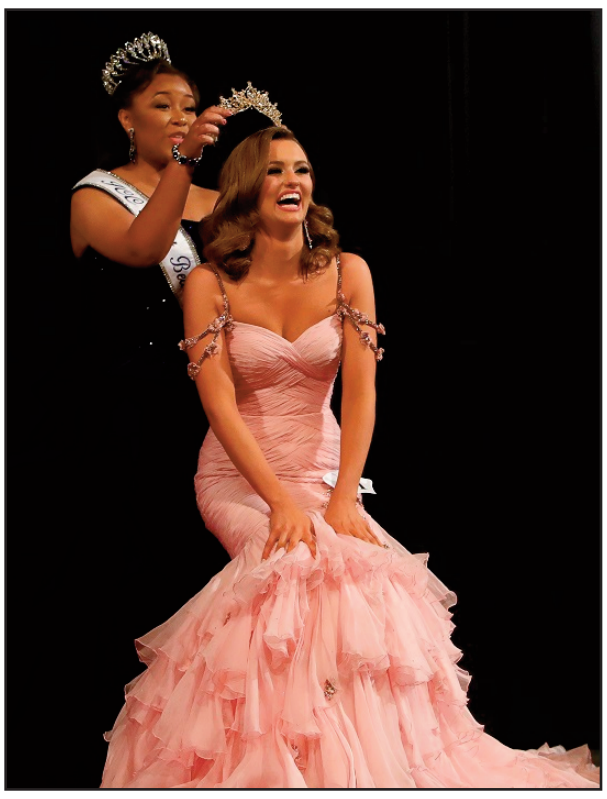
The cost is $10.

Transcripts are important because they document the official records of the student's academic performance: major, courses taken, degree and cumulative grade point average, according to Dr. Bobby Solomon, director of admissions and registrar. They are used by employers as well as for scholarships or transferring to colleges. Because a transcript is a student's official academic record, anytime a student transfers from one college to another, the student will need to request an official copy of his or her transcript.

If students do not have holds or other issues that prevent the registrar's office from issuing the transcript, it will be sent within 24 hours, Solomon said.

"If the college where the student is applying has a deadline prior to the current semester, the student request his or her transcript to meet the deadline," Solomon said. Students should be mindful that the transcript issued prior to the end of the semester will not list include the final grades for currently enrolled courses. Therefore, a final transcript will be required after the in-progress transcript is sent.

For more information, email admissions@iccms.edu.



2020 Most Beautiful

Most Beautiful 2019 Nadia Robinson of Calhoun City crowns the 2020 winner, Kaylee Brooke McCollum of Amory. Below, the top five are from left, Georgia Akers of Pontotoc, Laila Grace Ledbetter of Saltillo, McCollum, Abbey Grace Montgomery of Pontotoc and Molly Beth White of New Albany. The pageant, which was Feb. 18, was sponsored by the ICC Travel Tribe.



Your connection to ICC...

ICC names top scholars

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has selected its top scholars for 2019-20.

Honorees include

Aberdeen - Sydney Allmond, Heating and Air Conditioning Technology; Michaela Johnson, Sociology;

Amory - Farrah Fowlkes, Physics; Katherine Morgan, Journalism and Biology;

Baldwyn - Stephen Phillips, Economics and Public Speaking; Jack Trollinger, Associate Degree Nursing;

Belden - Morgan Bailey, Theatre;

Blue Springs - Maggie Meinz, Health, Physical Education and Recreation Division; Ismael Moreno, Automotive Technology;

Booneville - Olivia Tolar, Surgical Technology;

Bruce - Brooke Bennett, Chemistry; John Stewart, Political Science;

Corinth - James Wood, Emergency Medical Services - Paramedic;

Ecru - Katie Henry, Associate Degree Nursing;

Etta - Logan Hearn, Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology;

Eupora - Chase Hays, Collision Repair Technology;

Florence, Ala. - David Rowland, Electrical Technology;

Fulton - Chandler Bounds, Diesel Equipment Technology; Kayln Johnson, All-Mississippi and Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold; Preston Moore, Mathematics Division; Michael Newlin, Law Enforcement Technology; Cora Yielding, Modern Foreign Language;

Golden - James Clark, Criminal Justice; Anna Pounds, Business Administration Division;

Guntown - Charles Sanderson, Information Systems Computer Networking Division;

Hernando - Zuri Dunlap, Health, Physical Education, Recreation;

Mantachie - Timothy Gatlin, Forestry Technology;

Nettleton - Antonia Dunn, Business Marketing Management Technology; Jordan Naegele, Welding and Cutting Technology; McKinzee Sullivan, Respiratory Care Technology; Mamie Thompson, Early Childhood Technology;

New Albany - Zachary Penny, Industrial Maintenance Technology; Gwendoyln Woods, Hospitality Management Technology;

Okolona - Torrance McIntosh, Natural Science Division, All-Mississippi Second Team;

Pontotoc - Alejandro Barron, Computer Science Division; Jason Brock, Information Systems Computer Programming Technology; Cynthia Evans, Psychology; Bethany Morgan, Physical Therapist Assistant Technology; Katelyn Nelson, Public Health Technology; Marlee Schaefer, Fine Arts Division and Art; Sarah Ware, Communications Division and English;

Randolph - Troy Bone, History;

Ripley - Emma Brady, Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology;

Saltillo - Nami Ikawa, All-Mississippi Second Team and Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver;

Shannon - Benjamin Smith, Computer Science; Makayla Young, Practical Nursing;

Smithville - Bethany Flurry, Radiologic Technology; Jacob Johnson, Social Science Division;

Tupelo - Rain Burt, Music; Conner Carruth, Accounting; Alex Cramer, Physical Therapist Assistant Technology; Candice Hall, Paralegal Technology; Amber Jones, All-Mississippi Second Team; Julia Shackelford, Health Information Technology; and

West Point - Katherine Deanes, Health Information Technology.



ICC's students in health-related professions before COVID-19 forced changes in course delivery.

ICC's health-programs give back to community

Staff Reports

One of the real definitions of community is giving back.

And that is exactly what Itawamba Community College's health science programs continue to do during a time when that community is facing the paralyzing effects of a global pandemic.

To date, ICC's Nursing and Surgical Technology programs have donated personal protective equipment, including gloves, masks and gowns to the North Mississippi Medical Center, and the Respiratory Care Technology program has loaned three ventilator machines. In addition, the Surgical Technology program donated PPE items to Sanctuary Hospice in Tupelo.

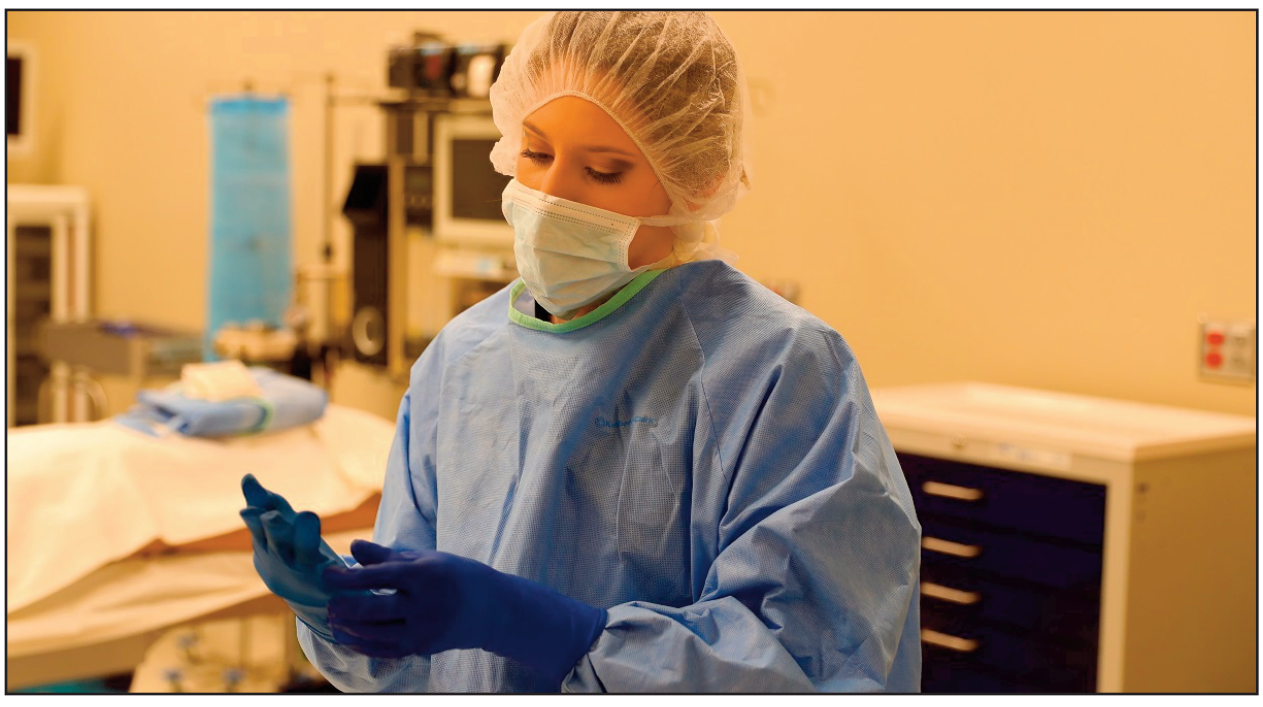
"Healthcare workers are our first line of defense in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic," said Rilla Jones, dean of health science instruction at ICC. "Itawamba Community College understands that keeping our healthcare workers well is critical to combatting this disease. The Health Sciences division at ICC wants to give back to the community of workers that are fighting this battle and who also work with our students every day to prepare a well-equipped workforce."

"Giving back to our community, one that has given so much to us, is the right thing to do," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "A large majority of ICC's health science students are employed by the North Mississippi Medical Center upon graduation. Those healthcare professionals transition to their role in promoting the health and welfare of the communities they serve, although they continue to remain a significant part of our ICC family. It is our responsibility as a community partner and neighbor to assist in whatever way we can to ease the burden of this pandemic, which is touching our neighbors."

Not only are ICC's students employed by NMHS upon graduation, but its facilities serve as clinical sites for current students. ICC's Health Science Education Center was located at the Tupelo Campus in 2013 to enable the eight programs, which are housed there, to utilize the team approach by educating and training students in the same environment, a unique concept in education. Shared learning experiences coupled with specialized instruction allows students to obtain state-of-the-art education to guarantee a steady, qualified stream of healthcare professionals empowered to maintain the region's premier medical status and keep specialties viable.

"On behalf of North Mississippi Health Services, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Itawamba Community College, particularly the health science programs, for donating three ventilators and personal protective equipment," said Shane Spees, NMHS president and chief executive officer. "These gifts will help our healthcare team be in an even better position to care for our patients during the COVID-19 pandemic."

"Itawamba Community College's significant partnership with North Mississippi Health Services enables ut to play a small role in assisting with combating this horrible pandemic, which is now forcing all of us to shelter-in-place," Allen said. "Our alumni, who are in the medical field and on the frontlines of providing the best possible care for all our communities, are in our thoughts and prayers today and every day."



ICC's Johnson receives prestigious BMC Legacy Scholarship



Kalyn Johnson

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College sophomore Kalyn Nicole Johnson of Fulton has been awarded the Legacy Scholarship from Blue Mountain College.

The Legacy Award for Outstanding Community College Students recognizes outstanding academic performance, demonstrated leadership and proven service to others. As a recipient of the prestigious scholarship, Johnson will participate in the Leora Duce Leadership Initiative and perform up to 50 hours of leadership services per semester for the College.

Johnson, who is majoring in biology, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and president of the Upsilon Sigma for Chapter, co-chair for the PTK Honors in Action Project and Events, member of the Honors College, vice president of the Science Club, member of Sigma Kappa Delta and supplemental instruction leader for college algebra.

Her honors and awards include ICC's First Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar, PTK Distinguished Chapter Officer, Hall of Fame, Miss ICC finalist, HEADWAE student honoree, All-Mississippi Academic Team semifinalist, President's List, English Student of the Week, ACT Scholarship for 28+ score, Valedictorian/Salutatorian Scholarship, Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant for 29+ ACT and 3.5+ GPA and Leadership Scholarship.

She is the daughter of Joe and Charolette Johnson.

UPCOMING
MUSIC&ARTS, ETC...

Student work to be included in The Calliope

Staff Reports

The work of several students will be featured in The Calliope, which is scheduled for publication during the 2020 fall semester at ICC.

The students and their work include Pam Dankins of Amory, "untitled poem;" Rain Walker of Fulton, "I Am not Your God;" Alfonso Fernandez of Houlka, "Milk for the Mona Lisa;" Alex Pearson of Houlka, "I'm Alright;" Brianna Turner of Maben, "Stories;" Michael Cook of Pontotoc, "Circles;" Mary Moore of Red Bay, Ala., "The Clocks Have Died;" Emily Shaffer of Saltillo, "1:54 am;" and Jay Biffle of Thaxton, "Empathy."

The Calliope is ICC's art and poetry journal, which was developed by Shawn Whittington of the Fine Arts Division. The poetry editor is Keith Morris of the Communications Division.

ICC art students win state awards

Staff Reports

Several ICC students have placed in the Mississippi Community/Junior College Art Instructors Association state competition.

They include Justin Vowell of Tupelo, first place in painting/mixed media for "Lola;" Laken Templeton of Pontotoc, second place in drawing for "Melancholy;" Tatiana Brown of Tupelo, third place in 2-D design for "Virus;" and Serenity Bobo of Fulton, honorable mention in 3-D design for "Petunia."

Color guard, Indianettes *auditions continue*

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has extended the deadline for video auditions for Indianettes and Color Guard to May 16 due to responses received about circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 virus and potential technical difficulties that come with submitting video auditions, according to Ryan Todd, director of the All-American Band.

Those who successfully audition for both units will be added to the following list of those who were selected in the first round.

Drum Majors

Marissa Johnson (head), Kathleen Fletcher, Lilly McCully, Brianna Clark

Color Guard

Kaylen Rainer (captain), Maggie Hardin (captain), Jasmin Ford (captain), Passion Anderson, Anna Austen, Mikayla Benson, Kameron Benton, Taylor Britt, Lindsey Delashmit, Miranda Flippo, Lillie Ford, Anna Funderburk, Faith Garrett, Eliza Guzman, Bai Jones, Jaitlyn Kidd, Haley MaKamson, Alex McCoy, Haleigh McGloflin, Elizabeth Morgan, Kaleshia Morrow, Madeline Mulkey, Savannah Odom, Holly Pace, Alex Ridge, McKenzie Stamper, Skylar Stokes, Brialey Tackett, Asia Tate, Racia White, Megan Wise

Indianettes

Tati Arnold, Lynika Bailey, Leah Brown, Ashton Bryan, Madison Carter, Mabry Chamblee, Maleigh Collier, Nigeria Dancy, Madison Foster, Abby Hitt, Kelsi Little, Maya McNance, Helen Roy, Sydnie Scribner and Lydia Walker.

Those who would like to audition for Indianettes or Color Guard should refer to the requirements at www.iccms.edu. Videos for Indianettes should be sent to rdclayton@iccms.edu and Color Guard, cacolburn@iccms.edu.



ICC film students work on a project in this file photo.

Making FILMS

JOSH VAUGHN
Staff Writer

Itawamba Community College students have an opportunity to learn about making films through a class in Film Production.

According to Christopher Montgomery, assistant director, the class promotes and creates film productions that are based on theatre.

Morgan Cutturini, Keith Morris and Jon Armstrong are the instructors.

"Class and club participants will be creating "The Substitute," a film about a strange teacher who makes students feel uncomfortable because of her odd mannerisms," Montgomery said. It was written by ICC student Mary Moore last semester in a film class for a script writing assignment, and it will be filmed in Morris's classroom. Montgomery said that club advisers "liked the script so much that they chose it to be the class film for this semester." It was also selected as one of the entries for the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Competition this year. Last year, Moore won first place for her script entitled "Over Your Shoulder."



Mary-Elizabeth Moore

Moore is directing and starring in the film along with Dayton Shegog, Charlie Wright, Annaka Langley, Jarrius Casey and Prince Jordan. The crew members include Laine Mansour, assistant camera; Chris Montgomery, assistant director; Jireh-Elise Jones, sound; Tate Perry, script supervisor; Haley Dean, set designer and behind-the scenes photography and Eli Rodgers, slate.

"Film Club production is beneficial to students who are pursuing a degree in fine arts because it enables them to gain strengths in acting, backstage, casting, film editing and performance," Montgomery said. "Another advantage is that the film Production class and club both provide an opportunity for students to network, both with each other and outside of Itawamba Community College.



Early Learning

Alyssa Martin of WTVA spent a few minutes reading two books and discussing with the students from ICC's Early Learning Center at the Tupelo Campus what they want to be when they grow up.

#allinthistogether

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...

Review lockdown procedures

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, dean of students.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

1) Lock all doors and windows.

2) Close all blinds.

3) Turn off lights.

4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.

5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.

6) Make no noise.

7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

Shuttle

Students commuting between the Fulton and Tupelo campuses continue to have the opportunity to take advantage of a free shuttle service.

The service begins and ends in Fulton with stops in front of the Student Services buildings on both campuses as well as at the Health Science Education Center at the Tupelo Campus.

Those who ride the shuttle must have a valid ICC ID card. The shuttle departs from Fulton at 6:30 a.m. and from Tupelo at 7 a.m.; from Tupelo at 7:15 a.m. and arrives Fulton at 7:45 a.m. In the afternoon, it departs from Fulton at 3 p.m., arrives in Tupelo at 3:30 p.m.; departs Tupelo at 3:35 p.m. and arrives in Fulton at 4:05 p.m.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

Campus Police

ICC-Belden...662.687.2752
ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750
ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751



ICC's Workforce Division is now offering online courses in Forklift Operator Training and Train-the-Trainer. Participants automatically receive a completion certificate once requirements are met.

COVID-19 response

ICC provides innovative workforce class delivery method

Special to the Chieftain

ICC is providing innovative delivery of several Workforce classes to enable individuals to enroll in three online courses to meet the needs of its workforce partners as well as those of all individuals who are interested in skilling up or exploring job opportunities.

AVAILABLE COURSES

The courses available at press time, which are a collaboration between ICC's Workforce and eLearning divisions, include Forklift: Train-the-Trainer, Forklift Operator Training and Lockout-Tagout: Isolation of Hazardous Energy.

"ICC's staff, particularly Workforce and eLearning, have done an exceptional job in transitioning current courses to an online format," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "With the reduction of face-to-face classroom and training opportunities as the College is impacted by COVID-19, they explored methods of meeting the needs of not only our workforce parters but individuals who are interested in attaining more or better skills to enhance their current or future job options. These three classes are only a start since work is continuing to offer additional opportunities."

FORKLIFT OPERATOR TRAINING

The hybrid Forklift Operator Training course includes instruction on safely operating a forklift in industry settings, OSHA safety instruction, safety check protocol, simulator practice, hands-on driving and loading/unloading operations. Following the completion of online training, students will schedule an onsite practical evaluation visit with a manufacturing instructor at ICC's Belden Center.

TRAIN-THE-TRAINER

Forklift Train-the-Trainer provides instruction in training forklift operators for safe operation and meet OSHA requirements. Candidate instructors will learn how to develop and deliver complete in-house training programs, design exercises for forklift operator trainee evaluations and instruct non-operators how to work safely around forklifts.

LOCKOUT-TAGOUT

OSHA requires that employees be trained on Lockout-Tagout policies and procedures in order to provide them with the knowledge and skills required for the safe application, usage and removal of the energy controls. The self-paced course covers OSHA standard Control of Hazardous Energy, commonly referred to as Lockout-Tagout Training, objectives whick include introduction to Lockout-Tagout standard requirements; and understanding types of hazardous energy, requirements for LOTO procedures and Lockout-Tagout programs at individual companies; and demonstration of understanding of Lockout-Tagout devices.

EASY TRANSITION

The transition to an online format will enable individuals to take advantage of an anytime, anywhere opportunity. "Online workforce courses provide scheduling flexibility any time, but are especially important as the College and area employers respond to COVID-19 distancing needs," said Denise Gillespie, dean of eLearning. "Remote learning options are important for both college credit and non-credit workforce programs, and ICC's Workforce and eLearning departments partnered to roll out quickly these new online safety courses. We plan to continue developing more online workforce classes to meet the needs of area employers as well as job seekers."

The courses are set up to automatically award a completion certificate once all course requirements are met. Costs vary per course, but range from $35-$45.

"We are excited to develop more online offerings and welcome all feedback from regional business and industry on other online training that we could provide to help them succeed," said Dr. Joe Lowder, dean of economic and community services.

COMING UP

In addition to those currently offered, courses in development include Fall Protection, 6S Methodology, Scissor Lift Safety and Operation and Bloodborne Pathogens.

The Workforce online catalog is available at https://iccms.catalog.instructure.com/browse/work-force.

For more information, contact Karey McAnally, Consortium manufacturing trainer, (662) 407-1253, or Josh Gammill, Pathway coordinator, at (662) 407-1569.



Around AND ABOUT

Application deadline extended for AMT

Staff Reports

The application deadline for the Advanced Manufacturing Technician program, which is offered at the ICC Belden Center, has been extended through June 1.

The AMT program is designed as an innovative manufacturing degree that will span five semesters of classroom instruction and provide paid, hands-on experience at Toyota Motor Manufacturing Mississippi's Blue Springs automotive assembly plant.

The Industrial Maintenance curriculum includes instruction in areas, including electricity, fluid power, mechanics, fabrication and robotics, as well as advanced manufacturing business principles and best practices. Upon completion of the program, candidates will earn an associate's degree.

In addition to in-depth instruction in manufacturing, the program includes semester-long modules in safety culture, workplace organization, Lean manufacturing, problem-solving and maintenance reliability. It emphasizes attendance, initiative, diligence, verbal and written communication, interpersonal skills and professionalism.

The program is a partnership between Toyota Manufacturing Mississippi, Inc. and the Mississippi Corridor Consortium, of which Itawamba Community College is a member.

For more information, contact Ashley Brown, program director, at jabrown@iccms.edu.

McIntosh to receive Cooke scholarship

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College sophomore TJ McIntosh of Wren has been selected as one of 50 students in the nation as 2020 Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholars. He is the first ICC student to receive the scholarship.

Recipients of the prestigious award will receive up to $40,000 per year to help cover the cost of educational expenses such as tuition, living expenses, books and required fees as they complete their bachelor's degree. Additionally, Cooke Scholars are eligible to apply for up to $75,000 of funding toward graduate school.

"We know that this s a very uncertain time for many students and their families," said Seppy Basili, executive director of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. "We remain deeply committed to supporting high-achieving community college students to ensure they have the resources to reach their full academic potential. We are excited to welcome this new class of Cooke Transfer Scholars to our community and looking forward to seeing the many amazing things they do as they continue on their transfer journey."

McIntosh is majoring in biology with a pre-medicine concentration. He serves as the vice president of scholarship for the Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, vice president of the Fulton Campus Student Government Association and a member of the ICC All-American Marching Band, Sigma Kappa Delta, Indian Delegation and the Science Club. His honors include All-Mississippi Academic Team, Mr. Itawamba Community College, Hall of Fame, recipient of the Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship and President's List. He has served as a tutor for the Minority Achievement Network for Upward Progression (MAN UP) program at ICC. Additional activities include the Upsilon Sigma Chapter's College Project and Honors in Action. McIntosh attends Greater New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church in Nettleton. He will transfer to Mississippi College. He is the son of Sylvia McIntosh and the late Torrance McIntosh.



TJ McIntosh

In addition to financial support, new Cooke Transfer Scholars will receive comprehensive educational advising from the Foundation to guide them through the process of transitioning to a four-year college and preparing for their careers. Scholars will additionally receive opportunities for internships, study abroad and graduate school funding as well as connection to a thriving network of more than 2,700 fellow Cooke Scholars and alumni.

Nearly 1,500 students from 311 community colleges applied for the 2020 Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The Foundation evaluated each submission based on students' academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence, leadership and service to others. The recipients selected represent 17 different states and plan to enroll at the nation's most selective colleges.

McIntosh is one of two students from Mississippi who were selected.

ICC one of 15 community colleges to share Woodward Hines grant

Special to the Chieftain

The Mississippi Community College Foundation has received a grant of $310,000 from the Woodward Hines Education Foundation to help qualifying Mississippi community college students impacted by COVID-19 stay on track toward graduation.

APPRECIATION

"These are difficult times for students who are trying to adjust to the many personal and educational challenges brought on by COVID-19," said Dr. Ronnie Nettles, executive director of the Mississippi Community College Foundation. "We are delighted to partner with the Woodward Hines Education Foundation to help these students."

"We know that many of Mississippi's community college students are already vulnerable to unexpected financial hurdles," said Jim McHale, WHEF president and CEO. "We viewed this as an emergent opportunity to provide immediate financial support to Mississippi's two-year college students impacted by COVID-19, so they would not be forced to put their education on hold for financial reasons."

The grant will establish student relief funds at all 15 Mississippi community colleges. Money can be used to help students with the costs associated with in-home internet access, fuel cards, credential fee stipends, to establish campus tablet or computer loan programs or other costs that may be a barrier to college completion.

ICC TO USE FUNDS

Itawamba Community College President Dr. Jay Allen said he plans to use the money to ease the transition to online instruction for his students.

"While we know this transition has caused hardships on a number of our outstanding students, we are appreciative to the Woodward Hinds Education Foundation for believing in our mission and the communities we continue to serve," Allen said. "These funds will assist our students to move their educational efforts forward."

Mississippi Delta Community College President Dr. Tyrone Jackson explained that the COVID-19 is an additional barrier to college completion.



Dr. Jay Allen

"COVID-19 has created additional challenges for many of our students," Jackson said. "It is critical that we find ways to provide our students with the support and resources they need to stay on course during this particularly challenging time."

WHEF PROVIDES MORE SUPPORT

This is not the first time WHEF has provided financial support to Mississippi's community colleges. WHEF has awarded $490,000 to Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society to provide membership scholarships to high-achieving but underserved community college students. WHEF has also provided support to Coahoma Community College and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College through a $900,000 grant to Achieving the Dream, to support the development of a peer learning community and build leadership and data capacity among each institution.

GRANT TO EASE STUDENT STRESS

"I am grateful to the Woodward Hines Education Foundation for their continued commitment to education and specifically to Mississippi's community colleges," said Dr. Andrea Mayfield, executive director of the Mississippi Community College Board. "COVID-19 has impacted the lives of our students and their families in so many ways. this grant will help ease the stress as students can continue to focus on their education."

ABOUT THE WHEF/MCCB

The Woodward Hines Education Foundation is committed to helping more Mississippians obtain postsecondary credentials, college certifications and degrees that lead to meaningful employment. Since its inception, WHEF has worked to increase college access and entry for young people in Mississippi and has expanded that work to support promising practices that lead to college persistence and completion.

Founded in 1986, the Mississippi Community College Foundation is committed to the advancement of the individual and collective missions of the 15 Mississippi community colleges and the Mississippi Community College board. It strives to enhance the educational opportunities for the citizens of the State of Mississippi. To accomplish their goals, the MCCF seeks financial support to improve the colleges and better serve their students.

Connect with ICC through social media!

THE YEAR IN REVIEW
2019-20



ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Itawamba Community College is a two-year public supported institution dedicated to providing high quality educational opportunities that are accessible and affordable for the diverse needs of Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through 1)college-parallel programs that allow students to transfer a maximum of two years of college work to four-year colleges and universities; 2) technical and career programs that prepare students for immediate employment; 3) continuing education and community service programs for individuals striving for personal growth and/or personal enrichment; 4) contributing to the needs of business and industry; 5) educational programs and services that meet the diverse needs of students including student development opportunities; 6) adult basic education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population; 7) current technology to advance educational purpose, including traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 8) strategies to encourage the improvement of relations and coordination of programs with high schools, community/junior colleges, four-year colleges and universities; 9) development and implementation of activities that encourage and promote civic responsibility; and 10) programs of leadership training and professional growth to improve skills of faculty and staff.





Candidates for admission to academic, career and technical programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing the high school equivalency test - students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Registrar/Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete the high school equivalency test in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some career education programs may have selective criteria for admission.



Itawamba Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Dean of Students, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.962.8271, TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu.





In compliance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Itawamba Community College makes available its curricular and extracurricular programs and its facilities to every qualified person regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or disability.

Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.



www.iccms.edu
662.862.8000 (Fulton) · 662.620.5000 (Tupelo)
662.407.1141 (Belden)

Register for intersession and summer classes TODAY!!

Chieftain staff members needed... email dsthomas@iccms.edu.

Student activities

ICC students, faculty participate in Virtual 5K

Staff Reports

As of the deadline, 235 individuals had participated in ICC's In this Together Virtual 5K, which was designed as an Indian Week activity since on-campus activities were cancelled because of COVID-19.

The participants included Amanda Johnson, Nancy Blaylock, Ashley Nicole Ayers, Michael Upton, Cristin McCoy, Tequila Sunrise, TJ McIntosh, Klarissa Sykes, Tamra Williams, Anna McCullough, Terry Bland, Alaina Worthey, Allyson Cummings, Hannah Young, Haley Young, Raphael Henry, Emily Lamb, Mande Miller, Mary-Elizabeth Moore, Tracie Ramey, Stormy Rodriguez, Melissa Haab, Lee Adams, Madison Haley, Priscilla Morgan, Ryan Morgan, Amy Hussey, Karli Rose Harris, Laina Lowry, Tucker Witt, Katherine Morgan, Kalyn Johnson, Elizabeth Ingram, Kathryn Moore, Dana Walker, Chris Stevenson, Bruce Ingram, Rhonda Midkiff, Taylor Tutor, Emily McCarley, Kylee Beth Westbrook, Lauren Asters, Leah Brown, Brandi McCraw, Ethan Ray, Pamela Hudson, Heather McCormick, Diann Nichols, Maggie Caldwell, Cohen Caldwell, Chad Caldwell, Belinda Allen, Emma Grace Allen, Mollieanne Allen, Kara White, Tyler Camp, Amy Brown, Jessi Stevenson, Kaitlyn Smith, Callie Houser, Mary Sue Boggs, Joy Hand, Mandy Walker, Jay Allen, Layla Stevens, Edana Nail, Kaitlin Ray, Savannah Townsend, Amber Rakestraw, Emma Johnson, Holli White, Kaley Loague, Rourke Stevenson, Jessica Freeman, Abigail McDaniel, Regina Moffett, Sonya Martin, Angie Norris, Kayla Norris, Emily Shaffer, Scott Jamison, Peyton Cade, Logann Griffith, Madison Harris, Lynsey Vanstory, Renee Murphee, Angenett Curry, Sylvia Chamblee, Kaitlyn Bennett, Alex Pearson, Amanda Dickinson, Reagan Hogan, Michael Metz, Parker Metz, Luke Phillips, Brylee Yarbrough, Hannah Moore, Memree Turner, Lauren Heath, Lyndsey Heath, Lindsey Patterson, Marina Stanphill, Jada Mills, Amber Jones, Joshua Vaughn, Megan Pearson, Brett Benjamin, Linzy Patterson, Alli Coker, Reatha Criswell, Dana Timms, Tina Gary, Janae Hagan, Juliana Hagan, Beth Campbell, Madison Collins, Alejandro Barron, Sean Cannon, Julia Cannon, Lexie Dickinson, Cora Lawrence, Luke Montgomery, Tammi Sullivan, Mike Sullivan, Billy Carson, Alex Carson, Ethan Benefield, Lori Little, Melissa Evans, Deborah W. Scott, Maria Sanchez-Villegas, Caroline Woodward, Erica Stevens, Jessica Davis, Elizabeth Middleton, Emily Loden Jones, Clara Anna Jones, Allen Coleman, Lela Ramey, Riley Stevenson, Tony Lee, Michael Holloway, emma Holloway, Michelle Sumerel, Jeff Clingan, Zeta Mooney, Mary Fleming-Parker, Adam Gore, Morgan Adams, Sandi South, Tilda Bouchillon, Brandy White, Madelyn Robinson, Carsen Enlow, Seth Morgan, Cora Yielding, Josie Kate Reeves, Nina Strother, Jamilet Cruz, Steven West, Brianna Turner, Sydney Hardin, Kaden Lothorp, Kyra Kirk, Addie Bridges, Tim Senter, Ashley Lancaster, Dahila Louise, Maggie Garrett, Sarah Ware, Joe Lowder, Micah Grace Bowens, Myra Bowens, Beth Bowers, Shannon Lucius, Robert Adams, Madelyn Robinson, Rachel Steele, Britinie Wildmon, Lauren Inmon, Kyle Spencer, Cade Nail, Millie Mask, Jordan Smith, Farris Bradley, Lillian Angle, Jenna Schaefer, Nicole Pearce, Mark Varela, Michelle Pruitt, Alice Ann Haab, Caroline Sutton, Noah Walker, Tiara Minor, Brad Boggs, Brittany Sullivan, Eric Simmons, Leah Simmons, Jade Parker, Maegan Hall, Laura Buskirk, C.J. Adams, Keely McMillen, Carli Minga, Reiley Duncan, Vanessa Lopez, Anna Pounds, Elyssa Nail, Riley Stevenson, Hannah Faith Cox, Elizabeth Tally, tish Kelley, Madison Shelton, Cailee Yielding, Gunner Hall, Jim Ingram, Isaac Floyd, Jeff Brownlee, Amy Brownlee, Delena Hukle, Lexie Carnes, Nelda Ramirez, Macie Mitchell, Lidia Solis, Breanna Lopez, Alaina Lucas, Markell Wilbourn, Allison Bennett, Jake Hartfield, Evie-Kay Hartfield, Robin Porter, Kayla Jackson and Anna Grace Onsby.

The top three overall are female - Josie Kate Reeves, Kaitlin Ray and Jessica Davis; and mail - Chris Stevenson, TJ McIntosh and Seth Morgan.



Welcome to ICC

Incoming ICC freshman West Sutton of Pontotoc completes an April orientation session. COVID-19 has forced the transition from on-campus sessions at Fulton and Tupelo to exclusively online. Additional sessions are scheduled for May, June and July. A schedule is available at www.iccms.edu. See complete story on page four.

NEED FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION?

Apply yearly

Staff Reports

Students must apply for financial aid every year, and the steps are the same for those who are applying or reapplying, according to Terry Bland, ICC's director of financial aid.

If students would like financial aid for the summer semester, they must be enrolled full-time for both the spring and fall semester, which is a minimum of 12 hours each semester, Bland said.

Students must also register for at least six hours of summer classes to be reviewed for receiving summer financial aid.

The application and more information can be found on the home page of ICC's website, www.iccms.edu under "How to Apply."

Returning students who are applying for federal financial aid should check to see if they are academically eligible to receive federal financial aid before they register for classes.

Students can apply for federal financial aid at the official website, fafsa.gov.

Other options for paying for college include student loans and scholarships.

To apply for student loans, individuals must complete the FAFSA and be enrolled in a minimum of six hours.

Applying for financial aid is only the first step. Students will be notified regarding financial aid via school email.



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020!!

ICC student-athletes earn honors

Gandy named to All-Region team



Gandy

ICC sophomore Tabreea Gandy earned National Junior College Athletic Association All-Region 23 honors for her play during the 2019-20 season.

The 5-foot-3 point guard averaged 11.4 points, 6.7 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game to help the Lady Indians finish 18-7 on the season and earn an appearance in the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament under first-year head coach Robin Porter.

Gandy was also named All-Conference and earned conference and national player of the week honors after scoring 22 points and collecting a career-best 11 rebounds while hitting the game-winning shot in the final seconds of the Lady Indians' 66-64 win over Northwest in December.

Watkins selected to region tournament team

ICC sophomore guard Whitney Watkins was selected to the NJCAA Women's All-Region 23 Tournament team.

The Decatur, Ala. native scored a team-high 18 points while adding two rebounds and two assists in the Lady Indians' 76-71 loss to Gulf Coast in the quarterfinals of the NJCAA Region 23 tournament at Mississippi College.

Watkins averaged 11.2 points and 2.6 rebounds.


Watkins

ICC basketball players earn All-MACJC honors



Hobson



Wilson

Three ICC basketball players were named to the all-conference teams by the MACJC.

Tabreea Gandy of Starkville earned All-MACJC North Division First Team honors, and Kealy Wilson of Olive Branch was named All-MACJC North Division Second Team.

Ma'Darius Hobson of Houlka was named to the All-MACJC North Division Second Team.

Gandy led the Lady Indians in scoring with 11.7 points per game. She averaged 6.7 rebounds and 3.3 assists while starting 21 games. She picked up four double-doubles.

Wilson averaged 10.1 points, 5.6 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game during her sophomore season as well as had one double-double. She started 25 of the Lady Indians' 26 games.

Hobson led the Indians in scoring, averaging 13.5 points per game while shooting 52.1 percent from the field, 48.6 percent from behind the arc and 70.2 percent from the charity stripe. He averaged 7.4 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 1.9 steals per game and was a two-time MACJC Player of the Week.

Davis selected MACJC Player of Week


Davis

ICC's Riley Davis was named Baseball Player of the Week by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges in mid-February.

The freshman catcher from Collierville, Tenn. had an impressive opening day for the No. 5 Indians, who swept Southwest Tennessee, 8-0, as he went 3-for-4 with six RBI, a double, a triple, a home run, two runs scored and drew three walks.

Davis' three extra base hits were all to dead center, including his three-run home run in game two. He is also the first Indian freshman to receive the conference honor since LaBryant Siddell in May 2018.


Several Phi Theta Kappa members pose for a photo at the MS/LA Regional Conference at the University of Mississippi Oxford campus.

PTK Chapters induct new members for spring '20

Staff Reports

Several students are new members of Phi Theta Kappa chapters at ICC.

Those who have joined the Beta Tau Sigma chapter at the Tupelo Campus include Allie Lindsey, Seth Morgan, both of **Amory**; Hope Gouine of **Baldwyn**; William Hood, Emily McAfee, both of **Belden**; Benjamin Rose of **Corinth**; Leila Clayton of **Ecru**; James Morgan, Charles Sanderson, both of **Guntown**; Bailey McVay, Alayna Scott, both of **Houlka**; Perry Stegall of **Mantachie**; Matthew Barkley of **Mooreville**; Reatha Criswell, Tabitha Greenwood, Jade Keaton, Hillary McBrayer, Rachel McDonald, Callie Robbins, all of **New Albany**; Tammy Bishop, Abigail Bland, Sara Brown, Jessie Faulkner, Anna Gist, Adriana Hamilton, Tanya Hernandez, Lorryn Holcomb, Andrea Heard, Taalor McCord, Alexis Ward, all of **Pontotoc**; Reiley Duncan of **Ripley**; Madisen Beasley, Reilly Carter, Alma Dunaway, Asma Erar, Ricardo Fraga, Joshua Helms, Sarah McGill, Mallori Peek, all of **Saltillo**; Jack Baker, Jordan Browning, Sara Gonzalez, Christi Hudson, Grace Hurst, Tristen Judy, Shakala Kyles, Sawana Middleton, Analee Mobley, Nathan Nabors, Lydia Owens, Joseph Royce, Joshua Vaughn, Madison West, all of **Tupelo**; Katie Broderick of **Vardaman**; and Cameron Smith of **Weir**.

Those who have joined the Upsilon Sigma chapter at the Fulton Campus are Jaden Buchanan, Asantee Buckingham, Perashia Dunlap, Anna Elliott, Miranda Flippo, Aaliyah Haughton, Jasiah Riddle, Caleb Schrock, Klarissa Sykes, all of **Aberdeen**; Ben Carr, Kindal Gammill, Sadie McKnight, Molly Oswalt, all of **Ackerman**; Joseph Aston, William Bishop, John Box, Karrigan Callihan, Paxton Cantrell, Wilson Cantrell, Kaylen Colbert, Pamela Dankins, Mackenzie Gallkop, Micah Goldman, Logann Griffith, Jaymes Harris, Abigail Hitt, Dylan Johnson, Cole Kent, Cameron Koehn, Emily McCarley, Kathryn Moore, Leigh Reynolds, Maxwell Smaglick, Luke Stephens, Madison West, Jake Williams, Camron Wright, all of **Amory**; Ashley Scarnato of Becker, Blade Arnold, Kayden Rigby, Emma Thorn, all of **Belden**; Kayla Pritchett of **Bellefontaine**, Reagan Kuykendall, Skylar Reed, both of **Belmont**; John Burleson, Brandon Dillard, both of **Blue Springs**; Broc Peden of **Bruce**; Kaitlyn Smith of **Cedar Bluff**; Ty'Janique Reed of **Coffeeville**; John Davis II of **Collierville, Tenn.**; Brett Benjamin, McKenzie Patterson, both of **Corinth**; Brylee Yarbrough of **Decatur, Ala.**; Marshall Allbritton of **Duck Hill**; Forrest Hooper of **Ecru**; Grace Austin, Kyla Patterson, both of **Eupora**; Brianna Posey of **Florence, Ala.**; Cody Domino, Miranda Holcomb, Mitchell langston, Noah Locastro, Wyatt Logan, Preston Moore, Emma Murphree, Michael Newlin, Lillie Pegram, Haley Pounds, Haley Robinson, Madelyn Robinson, Franco Roldan, Abbie Senter, Destiny Swindle, Skylar Timms, Cheyene Walker, Chandler Wall, Cora Yielding, all of **Fulton**; Crystal Adams, Chase Allen, Lexie Carnes, Kaylee Markham, Diana Salinas, all of **Golden**; Jeffery Phillips of **Greenwood Springs**; Bryce Capobianco, Le-Ann Cummings, Colby Davis, Tucker Johnson, James King, Annabell Roper, all of **Guntown**; Stephen Head of **Haleyville, Ala.**; Madelynn Cockerham, Faith Garrett, Austin Smith, all of **Hamilton**; Zachary Simpson of **Hernando**; Tyler Bryant, Justin Carter, Olivia Moffitt, all of **Hickory Flat**; John Belcher, Faith Knox, Yesemia Martinez, Jonnilee Rogers, all of **Houlka**; Nayeli Bedolla, Kamryn Cooper, Emily Duncan, Halle Hollingsworth, Daija Ivy, Ziai Li, Georgia McMullen, Brandon Rimmer, Samantha Simmons, Joanna Vazquez, all of **Houston**; Roman Elliott of **Iuka**, Taylor Evans of Lake; John Bass of **Long Beach**; Sarah Bunnell of **Louisville**; Jessica Davis, Kaitlin Ray, both of **Maben**; Piersan Bates, Hannah Bishop, Kayla Buse, Avory Graham, Bailey Kiser, James Nanney, Audrey Parker, Abigail Prochaska, all of **Mantachie**; Cheyanne Cassler, Madison Harris, Savannah Odom, Chad Stephens, all of **Marietta**; William Armistead, James Franks, Benjamin Grissom, Reece Ott, Kevan Owen, Alexandria Turner, Landry Whitworth, Tucker Witt, all of **Mooreville**; Maleigh Collier, Brooklynn Hall, Summer Holley, all of **Nettleton**; Brennan Clark, Alyssa Greer, Amber Rakestraw, McKinley Stegall, all of **New Albany**; Cearra Moore of **Oakland**; Antonio Buchanan, Kylee Eubank, both of **Okolona**; Montana Downs of **Olive Branch**; Xhiir Burgess, Tyler Smith, both of **Oxford**; Millie Mask, Kameron Miller, both of **Plantersville**; Carlos Aguilar, Lillian Angle, Emily Carter, Emma Carwile, Hollan Clowers, William Cook, Nicholas Cooper, William Duke, Gabriel Harmon, Marissa Johnson, Tiarra Lackey, Brooklyn Lane, Brittany Mathis, Joshua Mills, James Montgomery, Lauren Moody, Hunter Payne, Kaylen Rainer, Maria Sanchez-Villegas, Jenna Schaefer, Marlee Schaefer, Laken Templeton, Je'Miracle Usher, Dustin Vancil, Alaina Weeks, Aleyna Wilgermein, Cassidy Williams, all of **Pontotoc**; Troy Bone, Alisha Kidd, Kaylee Ray, all of **Randolph**; Cara McNeil, Mary-Elizabeth Moore, both of **Red Bay, Ala.**; Warner Perry, Allison Settlemires, both of **Rienzi**; Asil Arar, Carolyn Barrett, Brianna Carter, Ethan Caviness, Colton Cook, Carsen Enlow, Gabriel Harrelson, Anna Kemp, Britney McDonald, Tanner Mears, Ryan Melton, Charles Miller, Mary Miller, Jacob Payne, Cole Raistrick, Harlee Raper, Abby Rinehart, Austin Sanders, Brodie Smith, Anna Weddle, Maggie White, all of **Saltillo**; Ebony Allen of **Senatobia**; Madison Collins of **Shannon**; Tristin Brewer, Jacob Johnson, Brayden Jones, Michael Stevens, Jimi Ann Taylor, John Wardlaw, Noah Wells, Milah White, Callie Williams, Farris William, all of **Smithville**; Connar Gardner, Diego Trujillo, both of **Southaven**; Madison Carter of **Starkville**; Hiram Wadlington of **Taylor**; John Biffle of **Thaxton**; Savannah Crowley, Jasmine Gilliard, Hunter Spearman, all of **Tremont**; Emma Atkinson, Jon Michael Barnett, Joseph Bennett, August Burt, Tara Buse, Robert Carroll, Sydney Clark, Marcelia Clay, Clay Cox, Lucy Dexter, Andy Guzman, Suzanna Jones, Geneva Leckie, Laina Lowry, Elizabeth Middleton, Zeta Mooney, Richard Morgan, Carson O'Daniel, Sara Oliver, Maxwell Parham, Jasmine Raden, Josie Reeves, Claire Steen, Kelan Traylor, Ivy Watts, Trey White, James Yates, all of **Tupelo**; Maggie Hardin of **Union**; Sydney Hardin of **Vina, Ala.**; Dianna Busby of **Weir**; Robdetric Carr of **West Point**; and Zachary Callahan, Cara Eldridge and Kyle Spencer, all of **Woodland**.

Jimmy Guy McDonald set for MACJC Hall of Fame induction

Staff Reports

Jimmy Guy McDonald of Houlka has been selected as ICC's inductee into the 2020 Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Sports Hall of Fame.

McDonald was inducted into ICC's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999. He was a pitcher for the Indians base ball team from 1966-67.

He spent 49 years in baseball, coaching all but four of those years at Houlka. He won a total of 1,772 games, 906 coaching girls and 866 with boys. The girls captured state titles in 1975 and 1977. The girls' team also won a Grand Slam title in 1975. The boys' team won a state title in 2000. He took his teams to state tournaments in Jackson 22 times, including his final season, when the boys reached the Class 1A semifinals.

A former semi-pro pitcher, McDonald excelled as a baseball coach, leading Houlka to a state title in 1973. He also coached softball at Houlka.

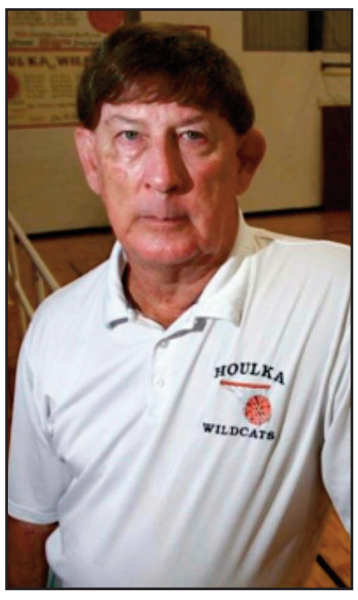
He began his career at Houlka in 1969, and in 1991, he left to coach boys basketball and baseball at Kossuth. McDonald returned home to Houlka in 1995.

His awards included Kellogg's Women's Basketball Coach of the Year (1977), Mississippi Coaches Hall of Fame (2014), NEMS Basketball Coach Hall of Fame (2012-13) and NEMCABB Coaches Hall of Fame (2014).

McDonald retired following the 2017-18 season. He died unexpectedly at his home, Dec. 4, 2019.

He and his wife of 43 years, Debbie, were the parents of two children, Bradley Hubert (Lauren) McDonald and Jill Marie (Brad) Vance. They have five grandchildren, Jade Gunnells, Addie Kate Vance, Jace Tutor, Lily Tutor and Mary Haire.

McDonald will be honored posthumously at the ceremony, which has been postponed from its original Apr. 21 date.



Jimmy Guy McDonald

ICC completes inaugural volleyball signing class

Staff Reports

ICC has announced its inaugural signing class for the women's volleyball program. The 12 players will join Coach Priscilla Morgan for the program's first season starting in August.

MORGAN LEE

Morgan Lee, a 5-9 setter, became the program's first-ever signee in November. The Under Armour All-American watch list selection totaled 646 assists, 127 digs, 51 kills and 41 aces to help Lewisburg High School finish runner-up in the Class 6A championship and earn a spot on the North All-Star team.

LAURYN FITZGERALD

Lauryn Fitzgerald, a 5-10 outside hitter, had 306 kills, 121 digs, 76 aces and 15 blocks to earn a spot on the North All-Star team as a senior at DeSoto Central High School.

MARY LESLIE CRANFORD

Mary Leslie Cranford, a 5-11 outside hitter, had 346 kills, 301 digs and 73 aces to earn a spot on the all-Region and All-Tournament teams this past season at Tipton Rosemark Academy. She was also on the Under Armour All-American watch list.

ZAKHIA TAYLOR

Zakhia Taylor, a 5-10 middle blocker, had 267 kills, 32 blocks and 17 digs to help Center Hill High School win the Class 5A championship and earn a spot on the North All-Star team. She was ranked the No. 3 middle blocker at the USA Volleyball High Performance Camp.

MORGAN RAY

Morgan Ray, a 6-0 middle blocker, recorded 149 kills, 47 blocks and five aces to help Clinton High School win the Class 6A championship while earning a spot on the North All-Star team this past season.

LONDYN BAKERIS

Londyn Bakeris, a 5-6 libero, set the school record for most digs after finishing her senior season with the most digs in the state with 593 while adding 69 aces in her senior season. She was on the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American Watch List while helping Lewisburg finish runner-up in the Class 6A tournament and earning a spot on the North All-Star team.

BRIANNA WILLIAMS

Brianna Williams, a 5-11 outside hitter, is a two-time First Team All-DeSoto County selection while at Olive Branch High School and selected to participate in the USAV Delta Region High Performance Camp.

LAMAYA NEWSOME

LaMaya Newsome, a 6-0 middle blocker, helped DeSoto Central win three straight district and county championships. She had 185 kills, 85 blocks and 40 aces during her senior season.

ANGELA GONZALEZ

Angela Gonzalez, a 5-4 libero, had 577 digs, 106 assists and 29 aces to earn a spot on the All-county First Team and a spot on the North All-Star team during her senior season at Lake Cormorant High School. Gonzalez was also on the Under Armour All-American watch list.

TORI BROOKS

Tori Brooks, a 5-9 outside hitter, recorded 309 blocks, 87 aces and 21 blocks in her final season at Caledonia High School while being named to the North All-Star team.

HANNAH MCNEESE

Hannah McNeese, a 5-7 outside hitter, had 201 kills, 114 aces and 85 digs as a senior to help Marion County (Ala.) High School finish as the Area 9 Tournament runner-up while being named to the All-Conference and All-Marion County teams.

KARLI RUSHING

Karli Rushing, a 5-9 setter, finished her senior season at Fayette County (Ala.) High School with 634 assists, 71 blocks, 68 aces, 65 digs and 51 kills. She was named to the Falcon Frenzy All-Tournament, West Alabama Conference All-Tournament and Area 11 All-Tournament teams.



We are the champions!

Members of ICC's 2019 softball team receive their state championship rings in a December ceremony at the Davis Event Center.

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MADISON HALEY

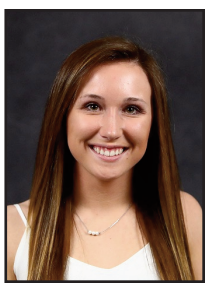
Sports Editor

Can we take a minute to appreciate all of the community college coaches out there?

I'm not sure if many people have ever sat down and really put themselves in a community college coach's shoes, but I just did, and let me tell you - wow!

I believe being a coach, regardless of the level, is difficult, but coaching at the community college level is a whole other world. The recruitment process and lack of benefits are two factors that can make being a community college coach challenging.

One main thing I noticed when I was recruited was how early the coaches have to begin. While this is common among most other collegiate level processes, there are a few key factors that make the process more difficult on the community college level. First, a coach may spend two-to-four years recruiting a player, only to have him or her play for his or her team for two years , or sometimes only one year. Another factor that can make recruiting difficult is how the coaches have to compete with higher division schools for the more skilled players. It is also extremely difficult to balance recruiting and coaching, because at a community college. coaches are continuously looking at potential prospects while also trying to coach the players whom they recruited. On a different note, an emotionally difficult aspect that comes with recruiting is the immense amount of time coaches have to spend away from their families as they recruit on the road or in the office watching hours of film. Lastly, at higher division schools, they are able to hire people whose sole responsibility is recruiting, but at community colleges, that responsibility is often left in the hands of the head coach or an assistant.



Haley

Community college coaches often struggle with having the same benefits as higher division coaches do. Community college athletic programs typically do not have the vast resources as universities; therefore, they do not have the first-class facilities, transportation and uniforms. In turn, this makes the recruiting process even more difficult for community college coaches because the best players want the best benefits. Community college coaches will often have to conjure up ways to raise funds to provide players with a better experience and all-around benefits.

As I mentioned, larger schools and universities typically have persons dedicated to each area to help the team and organization run smoothly, but unfortunately at community colleges, coaches are more shorthanded and left to do the dirty work as well as the office work.

As spectators from the outside looking in, it is always easy to judge how a coach is doing his or her job. We may see the exterior or the score on the board, but we miss out on the behind-the-scenes work it takes to recruit the players on the field or court, raise the funds to play on said field or court, the time coaches forfeit with their families and anything else that may go unseen to produce a successful program.

There is a different level of respect and consideration we should possess for community college coaches as they are underappreciated, undervalued and sometimes, even underpaid, considering everything they have on their plate.

Baseball and Softball Recapping shortened 2020 spring seasons

Softball team finishes with 9-5 record

Staff Reports

The 2020 ICC softball program had its season cancelled due to COVID-19, but the Indians finished ranked nationally and with a 9-5 record.

Prior to the cancellation, the Indians fought through a tough nonconference schedule, picking up a pair of sweeps and a big road win over a tough Wallace State (Ala.) squad.

When it was time to start conference play, the defending Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Tournament champions hit the road for their toughest test of the season against No. 2 ranked Gulf Coast. In two hard-fought games, the Indians fell 3-0 in game one and dropped a heartbreaking 7-6 decision in game two on a waka off by the Bulldogs.

Offensively, the Indians hit .321 as a team and outscored their opponents 96-67. Freshman outfielder McKenzie Patterson (Corinth) led the Tribe starters in batting average (.471) and on base percentage (.550) in 14 games, while Hope Harbin (Columbus) led the Indians in runs scored (15) and hits (18).

Freshman Ivy Watts (Tupelo) hit a team-high five doubles and two home runs.



Usually this time of the year, bats are cracking at the softball field, but not this season.

In the circle, sophomore Kaylee Nelson (Moulton, Ala.) led the Indians in three categories with a 3.34 ERA, five wins and 21 strikeouts.

the Indians ranked No. 12 by the National Junior College Athletic Association at the end of the abbreviated season, and Coach Andy Kirk picked up his 300th win at ICC.

Baseball team ends season ranked No. 10

Staff Reports

The COVID-19 pandemic cut the defending conference champion ICC Indians' title defense short, but the Tribe finished the abbreviated season with many positives.

Just days before conference play began, the season was put on hold and eventually cancelled, but the Indians were ranked No. 10 in the nation and in the top 10 in numerous stats.

The Indians, who finished with an 11-5 record, were eighth in the nation with 151 runs, sixth in home runs (19), eighth in RBI (130), second in team batting average (.393), second in slugging percentage (.631) and first in on-base percentage (.503).

Leading the Indian offense that was explosive at times was freshman Ben Fryar (Ripley), who had a .500 batting average over 16 games with 15 RBI, 19 runs scored, nine doubles, a triple and a pair of home runs.

Three other Indian starters hit over .400 in the shortened season with sophomore short stop and Middle Tennessee commit, Brett Coker (Hendersonville, Tenn.) hitting .444 and leading the team with 21 RBI. Tyler Murphy (Columbus) finished his freshman season hitting .421 with 17 RBI and two home runs, and Bailey Allbritton (Duck Hill) hit .404.

Sophomore centerfielder Lane Domino led the Indians with five home runs, and Coker was close behind with four.

On the mound, sophomore reliever David Rowland (Florence, Ala.) led the team with a 1.17 ERA, allowing only two earned runs in 15.1 innings pitched and 18 strikeouts. Freshman Will Armistead led the Tribe in strikeouts with 19 and innings pitched with 21.

As the Indians outscored opponents 151-54 this season, they picked up five shutouts and seven run-rule victories.

The Indians faced some tough opponents, but none tougher than the top-10 doubleheader against No. 8 ranked Southeastern Community College out of Iowa. The doubleheader was as advertised with two close battles, but the Indians dropped an 8-5 game one decision, before picking up the split with an 8-7 come-from-behind victory in game two.

A pair of Indians earned Player of the Week honors from the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges. Freshman catcher Riley Davis (Collierville, Tenn.) earned the weekly honor for his opening day performance, and sophomore first baseman Kylan Carter (Houston) for his 12 RBI week in early March.



There is no action on Roy Cresap Field because COVID-19 caused cancellation of the remainder of the 2020 season.

ICC sports...

ON THE SCHEDULE

Spring season cancelled due to COVID-19

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12 sophomores selected to ICC Hall of Fame

Staff Reports

Twelve Itawamba Community College sophomores have been selected as members of the prestigious Hall of Fame for 2019-20.

They include **Edward A. Bean** of New Albany; **Jared Brittian Callihan** of Amory; **Jeffery Earnest**, **Amber Jones**, both of Tupelo; **Madison Haley** of Olive Branch; **Kalyn Johnson** of Fulton; **Nami Ikawa**, **Jillian McCollum**, **Kaylika Pulphus**, all of Saltillo; **TJ McIntosh** of Wren; **Mary-Elizabeth Moore** of Red Bay, Ala. and **Anna Pounds** of Belmont.

Bean is majoring in Electrical Technology. The son of Michael and Linda Bean, he is married to Melanie.

Callihan, who is majoring in Surgical Technology, was named to the president's list. He is the son of Kelley Callihan.

Earnest is a member of the Mississippi Organization for Associate Degree Nursing Student Association and the Nurses' Christian Fellowship. His honors include dean's and president's lists and national Association of Licensed Practical Nursing. Earnest's other activities are North Mississippi Nurse Honor guard, Lee County animal volunteer, Weston Reed Foundation, North Mississippi Health Foundation, American Assembly for Men in Nursing and American Nurses Association. He is the son of Martha and Lee Earnest.

Haley is majoring in communication at ICC, where she is an Orientation leader, Social Media Ambassador, Community Relations student worker, Chieftain sports editor, Mirror editor and member of Phi Theta Kappa, Baptist Student Union and Indian Delegation. Her honors include Homecoming maid. president's list, College Public Relations Association of Mississippi awards and Mississippi Press Association Better Newspaper Contest first place award. Haley's other activities are DNOW leader, Bible study leader, softball camp leader and campus cleanup leader. She is the daughter of Glen and Ginger Haley.

Ikawa, who is majoring in exercise science, is president of the Tupelo Campus Student Government Association, vice president of scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa, supplemental instruction leader and member of several leadership committees. Her honors include Miss ICC finalist, president's list, honor student and All-Mississippi Academic Team. She serves as a student observer at physical therapy clinics, community representative for the Alzheimer's Organization - Mississippi chapter, community volunteer at HealthWorks! and does private tutoring for elementary through college students. She is the daughter of Og Youn (Diane) Hwang and Hiroyuki Ikawa.

Johnson is majoring in biology at ICC, where she is president of the Upsilon Sigma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, vice president of the Science Club, co-chair of the Honors in Action project, member of Sigma Kappa Delta and supplemental instruction leader. Her ICC honors include HEADWAE, Honors College and president's list. She is the daughter of Charolette Johnson and Joseph Johnson.



ICC sophomores who were selected as members of the 2019-20 Hall of Fame include seated, from left, Amber Jones, Kalyn Johnson, Nami Ikawa, Madison Haley, Kaylika B. Pulphus, Anna Pounds; standing, Mary Elizabeth Moore, Jared Callihan, TJ McIntosh, Edward Bean, Jeffery Earnest and Jillian McCollum.

Jones is majoring in psychology at ICC, where she is treasurer of the Student Government Association, president of the Beta Tau Sigma chapter of PTK and a member of the Indian Delegation and student activities committee. Her honors include Homecoming queen, All-Mississippi Academic Team and president's and dean's lists. She attends Mudcreek Baptist Church in Saltillo, and she volunteers to read books to children at a daycare. Her parents are Chevelle Powell and Redford Jones.

McCollum, who is majoring in elementary education, is secretary for the Student Government Association, vice president of service for PTK and a tutor for supplemental instruction. Her honors include president's list and Homecoming maid. McCollum's other activities are church - children's committee, DNOW leader, children's church and nursery volunteer, Vacation Bible School leader and various community service projects. She is the daughter of Jordan and Jennifer McCollum.

McIntosh is majoring in biology/pre-medicine concentration at ICC, where he is vice president of the Student Government Association, Indian Delegate, Phi Theta Kappa officer, MAN UP tutor and a member of Sigma Delta Kappa, the Science Club and ICC All-American Band. His honors include president's list, 2020 Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship semifinalist, All-Mississippi Academic Team and Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship recipient. He is a member of the Greater New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church, where he serves as president of the youth department and youth usher. He is the son of Sylvia McIntosh and the late Torrance McIntosh.

A general studies and theatre major, Moore is president of the Film Club, vice president of Sigma Kappa Delta and a member of PTK. She also is a student worker. Her honors include Theatre award, president's and dean's list, first place in dramatic writing in the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association competition and Honors College. Moore's other activities are secretary for the Bay Tree Council for the Performing Arts, member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Red Bay First United Methodist Church and church choir. She is the daughter of Hannah Fowler Haddock and the late Stephen Moore.

Pounds is majoring in business at ICC where she is a member of Sigma Kappa Delta and the Political Science Club, vice president of leadership and co-chair of the College Project steering committee for PTK and supplemental instruction leader. Her honors include president's list, Honors College and Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar. She attends Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Her parents are Rita and Andy Pounds.

Pulphus is a psychology major at ICC, where she works at the Early Learning Center. Her honors include PTK and the president's and dean's list. Her other activities are Boys and Girls Club volunteer and youth leader for children's church. She is the daughter of Kimberly Long.

The Hall of Fame will be featured in the 2020 ICC yearbook, the *Mirror*.

TJ McIntosh, Lauren Heath elected Mr. and Miss ICC for 2019-20

Staff Reports

TJ McIntosh of Wren and **Lauren Heath** of Randolph have been elected Mr. and Miss Itawamba Community College for 2019-20.

McIntosh is majoring in biology/pre-medicine concentration at ICC, where he is vice president of the Student Government Association, Indian Delegate, Phi Theta Kappa officer, MAN UP tutor and a member of Sigma Delta Kappa, the Science Club and ICC All-American Band. His honors include president's list, 2020 Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship semifinalist, All-Mississippi Academic Team and Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship recipient. He is a member of the Greater New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church, where he serves as president of the youth department and youth usher. He is the son of Sylvia McIntosh and the late Torrance McIntosh.

Heath is a member of the Indian Delegation, PTK, Science Club and Communication Chiefs; president of the Baptist Student Union and an Orientation Leader. Her honors include Phillip Neal Jones Memorial Scholar. She is the former children's minister at Richmond Baptist Church and is a member of Carey Springs Baptist Church and the North Mississippi Youth Foundation Choir. Her major is biology. She is the daughter of Paul and Darla Heath.

They will be featured in the 2020 edition of the ICC yearbook, the Mirror.

